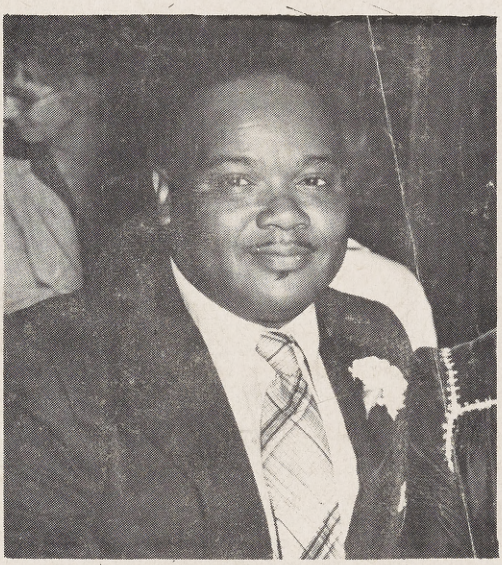
In Loving Memory

of

DEACON JOHN SAMUEL BUTLER

1930 1981



"And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." -*Hebrews 6:15*

Service Held on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1981

11:00 a.m.

at the

McGLOTHEN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

1443 Filbert Street

Richmond, California

Officiating

SUPERINTENDENT CLARENCE DAVIS, PASTOR

Obituary

Deacon John Samuel Butler was born June 14, 1930 in Prentiss, Mississippi to Mr. and Mrs. Havon Butler, Sr. He was united in holy matrimony to Mrs. Seeray Walker and to this union nine children were born.

At a young age he was saved and Baptized with the Holy Ghost under the leadership of Superintendent D. R. Curry in Prentiss, Mississippi. In 1953 he moved to Berkeley, CA. and united with the Ebenezer Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Leon Germany where he worshiped for eighteen years. In 1970, he and his family moved to Richmond, CA. and united with the McGlothen Temple Church of God In Christ under the pastorate of Superintendent Clarence Davis. He served faithfully as a Deacon, a member of the senior Choir and the Executive Hospitality until his health failed.

Deacon Butler was a kind person, one who believed in taking care of all phases of the church work. He was determined to carry out the obligations assigned to his hand. To this sacred trust he gave his best.

On December 26, 1981 at 5:20 p.m. at the Alta Bates Hospital, he departed this life leaving to mourn a devoted wife, Mrs. Seeray Butler; children, James and Johnny Butler of Oakland, CA., Ruth Butler of Berkeley, CA., Michael Butler of Suisun, City, CA., Timothy Butler of Sacramento, CA., Samuel, Lorraine, Beatrice and Arthur Ray Butler all of Richmond, CA., and nine grand-children; he also leaves to mourn a mother, Mrs. Della Beatrice Butler; ten brothers, Ellis Butler of Berkeley, CA., Superintendent Marcus, Elder James Howard, Jesse J., Hollis, David, Levi, Horace and Daniel Butler all of Jackson, Mississippi; Elder Havon Butler of Oakland, CA.; four sisters, Willena Magee, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Gladys Curry and Louella Donaldson, of Jackson, Mississippi and Sarah Nell McLeod of Richmond, CA.; neices, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

for

DEACON JOHN SAMUEL BUTLER

ELDER LACY DOUGLAS, JR., Presiding

PROCESSIONAL. . . . . .
SELECTION. . . . . McGlothen Temple Senior Choir
SCRIPTURES..Old Testament - Psalms 90:1-10. . Elder James Rice
New Testament - St. John 14:1-6...Minister Dewitt Wheeler
IINVOCATION. . . . . Elder E. F. McNeil
SELECTION. . . . . McGlothen Temple Senior Choir
EXPRESSIONS: (two minutes each). . . . . Deacon Board -
Deacon Lawerence Johnson, Chairman
Mothers Board - Mother Myra Jacobs
Junior Choir - Missionary Etta B. Graves
Senior Choir - Sister Bernice Douglas or Appointee
SOLO. . . . . Sister Joyce Butler
RESOLUTIONS. . . . . Missionary Carrie Veal
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. . . . . .
SOLO.."When You Hear Of My Homegoin". . . Sister Ruth A. Lyons
OBITUARY. . . . . Misssionary Victoria Williams
SOLO.."A Brighter Day". . . . . Missionary Mary Willard
EULOGY. . . . . Superintendent Clarence Davis
POSTLUDE AND REVIEW. . . . . Funeral Director in Charge

THANK YOU

Perhaps you prayed a prayer
Or came to pay a call;
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers
If so, we saw them all.
Perhaps sent or spoke kind words
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all
But just thought of us that day.
Perhaps you prepared some tasty dish
Or maybe furnished a car;
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen
Near at hand or from afar.
Whatever you did to console the heart
By word or deed or touch;
Whatever was the kindly part
We thank you, oh so much!

The Family of the late
Deacon John Samuel Butler

A might giant has fallen
Twas God that cut him down.
Shook his head that hoary frost,
To place thereon a crown.

Many years a soldier
Through this wayfaring land
He conquered every evening
For he moved at God's command.

Then when ill and feeble
He then kept pressing on
Labouring for his master
His strenght was almost gone

Now his work is ended
And he has lain down to rest
I seem to hear him whisper
O Lord I have done my best.

Well done my faithful servant
I know you've struggled hard
That's why I thought to call you
From labour to reward.

Active Pallbearers

JOHNNY BUTLER
MICHAEL BUTLER
JAMES BUTLER
TIMOTHY BUTLER
SAMUEL BUTLER
ARTHUR BUTLER

Honorary Pallbearers

DEACONS OF McGLOTHEN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Flower Bearers

McGLOTHEN TEMPLE SENIOR CHOIR

Interment

ROLLING HILLS MEMORIAL PARK
Richmond, California

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